OFFICIAL REPORTS OF SOCIETIES

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[We must ask contributors to this department to make their reports as concise as possible, omitting all mention of regular routine business, and stating such facts as are of special interest to absent members or to the profession at large. The JOURNAL has already increased its regular reading pages from sixty-four to eighty, and it must keep within these limits. In order to do this all of the departments are being condensed to make room for our constantly increasing items of interest.—ED.]

THE TENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF TRAINING-SCHOOLS FOR NURSES

THIS meeting will be held at Pittsburg, Pa., on October 7, 8, and 9, at the Hotel Schenley, St. Pierre Street. The first session will open on Wednesday, October 7, at ten A.M.

The following hotels are recommended to members: Hotel Schenley, St. Pierre Street; Hotel Henry, Fifth Avenue; the Monongahela House, Smithfield and Water Streets. Rates from one dollar and a half to three dollars per day.

PROGRAMME.

Wednesday, October 7, 10 A.M.

Call to order.

Prayer by the Right Reverend Bishop Whitehead, United States chaplain-general St. Barnabas Guild.

Address of welcome by the Rev. Maitland Alexander.

Address of welcome by Dr. J. H. McClelland.

Responses.

Report of council.

Report of treasurer.

Report of committees.

Recess for registration of members.

Address of the president.

2.30 P.M.

PAPERS.

"Can the Study of Current Events be Made a Means of Recreation for Pupil Nurses?" Miss Jennie Cottle, Minnequa Hospital, Pueblo, Col.; Miss Alice Griswold, New York; Miss Jane Delano, Bellevue Hospital, New York.

"The Power and Responsibility of this Society in Public Action," Miss L. L. Dock, New York.

Thursday, October 8, 10 A.M.

Report of council.

Election of new members.

Report of auditors.

Unfinished business.

New business.

PAPERS.

"Some Common Points of Weakness in Hospital Construction," Miss Anna Goodrich, New York Hospital.

2.30 P.M.

Demonstration to be held in the Amphitheatre of Western Pennsylvania Hospital of methods and appliances in use in the Presbyterian Hospital, New York; the New York Hospital, New York; the Lying-In Hospital, New York; the Boston City Hospital, Boston; the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.

Friday, October 9, 10 A.M.

Report of council.
Unfinished business.
Report of Nominating Committee.
Election of officers.

PAPERS.

"The Teaching of Hygiene in Training-Schools in Theory and in Practice," Miss Isabel McIsaac, Illinois Training-School, Chicago, Ill.

"Modern Hospital Construction," Frank Miles Day, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa.

Recess for ten minutes.

Memorial notices.

Announcement of time and place of next meeting.

Introduction of president-elect.

Adjournment at one or one-thirty P.M.

A meeting of the Council of the American Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools for Nurses will be held at the Homœopathic Hospital, Pittsburg, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 6, at eight-thirty P.M.

M. A. NUTTING, Acting Secretary.

STUDENTS FOR ECONOMICS COURSE

THE following applicants have been admitted as students in the Class in Hospital Economics at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York. This is by far the largest class that has heretofore been registered, and it is hoped that they will enjoy their work there:

Miss Emma I. Jewell, graduate of Massachusetts General Hospital, recently superintendent of Montreal Maternity Hospital.

Miss Mary H. Paterson, graduate of Rhode Island Hospital, recently superintendent of Beverly Hospital, Mass.

Miss Anna M. Coleman, graduate of Toronto General Hospital, recently superintendent of Saginaw General Hospital.

Miss E. A. Lampman, graduate of Brooklyn Homœopathic Hospital, recently superintendent of Syracuse Homœopathic Hospital.

Miss Flora M. Shaw, graduate of Montreal General Hospital, recently assistant superintendent of nurses, Montreal Hospital.

Miss Grace E. Baker, graduate of Illinois Training-School, recently superintendent of Finley Hospital, Dubuque, Ia.

Miss Helen W. Kelly, graduate of Illinois Training-School, recently superintendent of Illinois Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

Miss Mary C. Wheeler, graduate of Illinois Training-School, recently superintendent of Blessing Hospital, Quincy, Ill.

Miss Minnie H. Ahrens, graduate of Illinois Training-School, private nursing.

Miss Effie A. Douglass, graduate of Buffalo Homœopathic Hospital, recently superintendent of nurses, Cornell Infirmary.

Miss C. McLennan, graduate of St. Luke's, Chicago, recently superintendent of Danville Training-School, Danville, Ill.

Miss Susan J. Parish, graduate of South Bethlehem Hospital, recently superintendent of University of Iowa Hospital.

Miss Marie Stotz, graduate of Finley Hospital, Dubuque, Ia., private nursing.

Miss Lucy G. Van Horne, graduate of Waltham Training-School, recently superintendent of Berea College Hospital and Training-School.

Miss Helen Balcom, graduate of St. Luke's, Chicago, recently superintendent of University of Michigan Hospital and private nursing.

Miss Winona Peterson, graduate of Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis, and Augustana Hospital, Chicago, recently superintendent of the Wichita Hospital, Kan.

Donations for the month, Miss Clara Cahoon, one dollar.

MAUD BANFIELD, Chairman.

EXCURSION TO BERLIN IN 1904

NURSES wishing to join the party going to Berlin in 1904 will kindly send their names to Miss Thornton as soon as possible in order that estimates may be made. Any suggestions will be gladly received.

The plans thus far embrace a period of two months, and visits to London, Paris, Berlin, and as many other places as can be managed comfortably. The time is placed at two months, as that is about as lengthy a vacation as the average nurse feels she can take, but anyone wishing to prolong her time may arrange to do so.

Such suggestions as may be of general interest will be published in the JOURNAL, and later circulars containing full particulars will be sent to those sending their names and addresses in full. Suggestions for curtailing expense without sacrificing too much comfort will be specially welcome.

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE NURSES' MEETING

PROGRAMME of the meetings of the Pennsylvania State Nurses' Association to be held at the Hotel Schenley, Pittsburg, Monday and Tuesday, October 5 and 6:

Monday, October 5.

Nine A.M., greetings and registrations.

Ten A.M., call to order.

Prayer.

Address of welcome.

Response by president.

Talk by Miss Eva Allerton, of Rochester, N. Y., chairman of the New York State Legislative Committee.

Reading of minutes of last meeting.

Report of Constitution Committee.

Discussion, adoption, and signing of constitution.

Appointing Nominating Committee.

Tuesday.

Nine A.M., roll call.

Informal address by Miss Sophia F. Palmer, editor-in-chief of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING.

Report of Committee on By-Laws.

Discussion and adoption.

Reports of committees.

Report of treasurer.

Election of officers.

Appointment of place for next meeting.

S. H. FULLOM, Secretary.

MEETING OF THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION

THE New York State Nurses' Association will hold the next regular meeting at the Academy of Medicine, 17 West Forty-third Street, New York City, on Tuesday, October 20, at ten A.M. and two P.M.

Important matters will be discussed and the first report of the Board of Examiners be given. It is felt that every member of the association should make an effort to be present. Nurses who do not understand the working of the new law for registration are cordially invited to attend.

JESSIE MCCALLAM, Secretary,
Post-Graduate Hospital, New York City.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE NURSES' MEETING

THE Massachusetts State Nurses' Association will hold a meeting in Potter Hall, New Century Building, 177 Huntington Avenue, Boston, at two P.M. on Wednesday, October 21, 1903. This is an important meeting and a large attendance is hoped for.

MARY M. RIDDLE, Chairman,
745 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston.

NEW YORK STATE NURSES—APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE STATE ASSOCIATION

THE attention of our readers is directed to the change in the by-laws requiring all applications for membership to be made to the chairman of the Committee on Credentials, Miss Anna C. Maxwell, of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, instead of to the secretary of the association.

MEETING OF THE NEW YORK BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS

THE Regents' Office at Albany has issued the following announcement:

"A meeting of the State Board of Examiners of Registered Nurses, composed of Mr. L. Bissell Sanford, of New York; Miss Annie Damer, of Buffalo; Miss Dorothy N. MacDonald, of Brooklyn; Miss Sophia F. Palmer, of Rochester, and Miss Jane Elizabeth Hitchcock, of New York, was held in the Regents' Office, Albany, Tuesday afternoon, September 15.

"All members of the board were present, also Secretary James Russell Parsons, Jr., of the Regents' Office.

"The board organized by electing Miss Palmer as president and Miss Hitchcock as secretary. Miss Palmer is editor of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING. Miss Hitchcock has charge of the nursing staff in the Nurses' Settlement, New York City.

"The board first considered and adopted a form of application for certificate as registered nurse. Blanks will be printed immediately. Those who desire to apply for certificates as registered nurse should ask for these blanks at the Regents' Office.

"Section 208 of the law waives the examination, on recommendation of the State Board of Examiners, of graduates, residents of the State of New York, at least twenty-one years of age and of good moral character, with diplomas from approved training-schools for nurses connected with a hospital or sanitarium giving a course of at least two years; and also of those who were in training at the time the act was passed who shall graduate hereafter; and also of those with three-years' experience in a general hospital in the practice of nursing prior to the passage of the act who shall apply in writing for such certificate within three years after the passage of the act; and, finally, any nurse of good moral character who has been engaged in the actual practice of nursing for not less than three years prior to the passage of the act who shall satisfactorily pass an examination in practical nursing within three years thereafter.

"The test in practical nursing will include both a practical demonstration and a written test involving the care of febrile cases, of patients before and after operation, of the mother and new-born babe in normal and abnormal obstetrical cases, of treatment of emergencies, and a knowledge of drugs with regard to toxicological symptoms and treatment after poisonous doses. Male nurses will be examined on genito-urinary work as a substitute for obstetrical cases.

"The practical demonstration will be conducted by a member of the Board of Examiners, who must recommend the applicant for admission to the written test. Both practical demonstration and written test will be held on the dates and at the places prescribed for Regents' examinations in the other professions.—viz., at New York, Albany, Syracuse, and Buffalo, June 21, 1904, January 24, 1905, June 20, 1905.

"As students in training-schools prior to April 27, 1903, are exempt from the full examination, it does not become necessary to prescribe the conditions for certificate with full examination for some time to come. The requirements for such certificates, therefore, will be announced later."

REGULAR MEETINGS

PHILADELPHIA.—The regular monthly meeting of the Alumnæ Association of the Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia, Pa., was held on Wednesday, September 9, 1903. In the absence of the president the meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Miss Peters, after which the report of the treasurer was presented. Upon motion this report was accepted and ordered spread upon the minutes. The Bed-Fund Committee reported that the sum in hand for this purpose amounted to seven hundred and eleven dollars and eighty-one cents. The subject of sending a delegate to the meeting in favor of a State association of nurses, to be held in Pittsburg in October next, was then taken up, and Miss Whiteley was appointed to represent the Alumnæ Association at that time and place.

The meeting adjourned at five P.M.

PHILADELPHIA.—The Alumnæ Association of the University Hospital held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 7, at three P.M., in the Nurses' Home, the president in the chair. Nine nurses responded to roll-call. Greetings were received from the regular secretary, Miss Casey, who is abroad, also announcement of the marriage of one of our members. Miss Lasater was appointed delegate to the meeting of the State society in Pittsburg, October 5 and 6. The report of Miss Bankson, delegate to the Associated Alumnæ Convention in Boston, was most interesting and brought up several themes for discussion. After adjournment tea was served.

THE Reports of the Buffalo Congress are now to be obtained of Miss Tamar E. Healy, treasurer of the Associated Alumnæ, whose address is 160 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. The price is one dollar and twenty-five cents.

ERRATA.—On page 1001 read "Dr. Lefavour." On page 980 read "13 Dimock Street."

MARRIAGES

ON the morning of July 22, at the Church of the Nativity, South Bethlehem, Pa., Miss Clara Dorrance and Mr. Wm. Snyder, of Jersey City, were married, the rector, Dr. Gilbert H. Stirling, performing the ceremony. Miss Dorrance, Class of 1896, St. Luke's Hospital, South Bethlehem, Pa., has for the past two years been the parish nurse of this church. Her future home will be in Jersey City.

AT the Little Church Around the Corner, New York City, on July 11, Miss Claire Huber and Dr. Grey, of Easton, were married. Miss Huber was graduated from St. Luke's Hospital, South Bethlehem, Pa., with the Class of 1901, and is a member of its alumnæ.

ON July 2, at her home, 530 North Fifth Street, Allentown, Pa., Miss Katherine Kay Hume and Mr. Jacob Barnes were married. Miss Hume is a graduate of this year's class of St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem, Pa.

IN Philadelphia, on September 10, Miss Edith D. Hardcastle, graduate of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital of Philadelphia, to Mr. John P. Kranz. Mr. and Mrs. Kranz will reside in Philadelphia.

ON June 25, at Baltimore, Md., Miss Mary Clare Maguire, graduate of Baltimore City Hospital, Class of 1901, to Dr. Walter Lee Nicholls, of New Castle, Ala.

ON August 5, at Cissna Park, Ill., Miss Flora Belle McMahon to Dr. Nelson Merrill. Dr. and Mrs. Merrill will live at Marshalltown, Ia.

OBITUARY

IT was with deep regret at the June meeting that the alumnæ members of the University of Pennsylvania Hospital Training-School learned of the death of Mrs. F. W. Goemann, née Anna B. Wacksmuth, Class of 1897, on April 12, 1903.

Many of her associates will remember her best as night superintendent, where her untiring energy and cheerfulness aided those under her care and supervision.